

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: S. EGUCHI, et al.  
Serial No.: NEW  
Filed: AUGUST 10, 2006  
For: MANUFACTURING METHOD OF SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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August 10, 2006

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application, concurrently with the filing thereof, and prior to calculation of the filing fee, as listed in the following, and as set forth on the following pages:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS; and

REMARKS are included following the amendments.